

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Region future-proofed for water security as the last pipe installed for 117km Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline**

The last remaining pipe has been installed, officially connecting the Fitzroy River to Gladstone's water network in the 117km Queensland Government-funded Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline.

Water is set to flow through the \$983 million pipeline as early as next year.

The first pipe was delivered to Gracemere in June 2023 and today marks the completion of the pipeline installation.

The pipeline spans 117km from the Lower Fitzroy River in Rockhampton to Yarwun in Gladstone, providing long-term water security to Gladstone's industry and supporting the region's economic development.

The pipeline is connected to the Aldoga Reservoirs which will hold up to 100 megalitres of water and are a vital piece of infrastructure for the FGP.

Located at the southern end of the pipeline corridor, water from the two reservoirs will gravity feed water to Gladstone Area Water Board's (GAWB) existing water network at Yarwun.

The project comprises of a water processing facility, reservoirs and pumping stations at locations along its alignment including Laurel Bank, Alton Downs and Aldoga.

Construction and completion of the associated infrastructure continue.

Gladstone Area Water Board CEO, Darren Barlow, said the installation of the last pipe is a history-making moment for the region.

"Over the past 17 years, a range of studies and reports have been undertaken to evaluate potential solutions to increase water supply and supplement the single-source supply risk from Awoonga Dam," he said.

"Gladstone and Central Queensland have a long history of recurring drought. Long-term water security can only be provided through the delivery of major infrastructure, like the FGP."

"By connecting the Fitzroy River to Gladstone's water supply network, this project will help future-proof the region, making sure we can meet the growing demands of population growth and industry expansion for decades to come."

"There has been extensive engagement with local stakeholders and First Nations Peoples, industry briefing sessions and the mobilisation of highly skilled teams for construction of the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline."

"I want to thank everyone who has been involved in bringing this project to life and acknowledge the impacted residents for their patience and support throughout this project."

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB), as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhance the lifestyle of regional Queensland. GAWB owns and operates Awoonga Dam, along with a network of

pipelines, water treatment plants and other distribution infrastructure. GAWB also owns and operates Aquaculture Gladstone, a fish hatchery and interpretive display at Lookout One at Lake Awoonga.

To ensure long-term water security for customers, the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is under development. When delivered, the FGP will become part of the GAWB network and provide enhanced water security and reliability for the region. For more information about GAWB and the FGP, please visit [www.gawb.qld.gov.au](http://www.gawb.qld.gov.au)

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